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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 1, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PERLMUTTER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord, You are gracious and righteous. You, O God, our God, are full of compassion. Hear our voices this morning. O Lord, hear our cries for Your mercy. May we call on You this day and every day as long as we live.

Today, we lay before You the deliberations of this past week and ask Your blessing. Where we have fallen short, we pray that You, in Your generosity, would weave our failings into the marvelous tapestry of Your grace plan, that despite our inadequacies and missteps, Your will would be revealed.

We pray Your blessings over our accomplishments. Advance them in accordance with Your will that the good we intended would align with Your intent and reflect Your grand design.

And, as the week comes to a close, we pray You grant our lawmakers respite from their labor, refreshment with family and friends, that upon their return next week, they would be rejuvenated in their service to You and to this country.

In hope for Your favor and in the strength of Your merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LEE of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignations of the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VELA), the whole number of the House is 430.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

INSULIN COSTS TOO MUCH FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

(Mr. CÁRDENAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, the Affordable Insulin Now Act is a just act.

This personal affliction of diabetes affects millions of families every day. The price of insulin is too much for hardworking American families, and the Affordable Insulin Now Act is something that is going to bring life to individuals and opportunity for families.

My father died from diabetes 10 days before our son Cristian was born. I hoped and prayed that he would live long enough so I could present him to his grandfather, but that didn't happen. That is what this affliction does. It robs time. It robs the life out of people, and that doesn't need to happen.

For \$35 a month—no, not hundreds of dollars—this act will help relieve families.

I thank Representatives CRAIG, KILDEE, and MCBATH for introducing this bill.

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RECOGNIZING SAINT MARYS AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Saint Marys Area Middle School in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania.

On March 17, students and staff participated in the Mini-THON. This is a smaller service of Penn State University's THON.

Throughout the day, students participated in various activities to raise money for the Four Diamonds fund to assist children and families in their battle with cancer.

One of the many ways students raised funds was through the "duct tape your principal" challenge. This brought in over \$900. Dom Surra, the assistant principal, was duct-taped to the gymnasium wall.

Due to the tremendous support from students, staff, and the community, Saint Marys Area Middle School raised more than \$12,237.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and staff for this tremendous achievement for such a righteous cause.

REMEMBERING DON YOUNG

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this past week, we celebrated the life of Don Young, the dean of the House with 49 years here representing the State of Alaska. He was a Republican. But before he was a Republican, he was an American. He wanted this House to work and this House to work together.

Don Young voted for the bipartisan infrastructure bill because he knew infrastructure, roads, airports, river ports, and trains made this country move and made business happen.

I hope we will not forget Don Young, not just because of his oversized and loveable personality and the warmth that he exuded to all of us, but for the fact that he was bipartisan and wanted this House to work.

There is a motto up there, above the Speaker's lectern, that says: Get something done while you are here that is memorable and important.

Look at that and remember Don Young.

BIDEN'S ANTI-AMERICAN ENERGY AGENDA

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, the latest Gallup poll shows most Americans are concerned about the cost and availability of energy now more than at any time in the last decade, and for good reason.

Thanks to President Biden's anti-American energy agenda, we are all paying more for the fuel necessary to fill our cars, heat our homes, and run our businesses.

One short year ago, I warned: If the President's destructive actions toward America's domestic energy production during his first week in office are any indication of where our energy policy is headed over the next 4 years, our Nation is on a dangerous path.

Today, that warning has come true. This destruction is entirely self-inflicted, and it is entirely avoidable.

To solve the energy crisis and deliver relief for the American people, President Biden must remove the ban on new drilling, reopen the Keystone pipeline, and unleash American energy dominance.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN JAMES T. BELLEW

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain James T. Bellew.

Captain Bellew was tragically killed in a helicopter crash at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia, earlier this week, on March 30.

He was a native of Charlottesville, Virginia, and entered the United States Army in 2017 as a medical service officer. In 2019, he became an aeromedical evacuation officer, and in 2020, he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division.

This sudden and tragic loss has dealt a heavy blow to the brigade, division, community, and his family.

During his service, Captain Bellew had successfully evacuated critically ill COVID-19 patients to better care across the country and was the top platoon leader in his company. He was decorated with the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among other accolades.

Captain Bellew was a hero in its truest sense, and he will never be forgotten.

May God bless his family, friends, and fellow servicemembers, and may God bless our troops.

BIDEN BUDGET DELIBERATELY WORSENS CRISES

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, Democrat policies have created multiple crises: the highest spike in prices in 40 years, gas prices over \$4 a gallon, a violent crime crisis, school closures that have drastically harmed our children, and so many other items.

President Biden's budget, which was released this week, deliberately makes every crisis American families are facing that much worse.

With \$73 trillion in spending, Biden doubles down on his delusion that spending more will cause inflation to go down when Americans are facing a \$5,200 inflation tax this year.

Biden's budget charges Americans another \$2.5 trillion in taxes, upward of \$4 trillion if you count the build back broke agenda, which he tries to put in the budget as being free.

American families can't afford what this budget is costing.

KETANJI BROWN JACKSON SHOULD NOT BE CONFIRMED

(Mr. HICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in objection to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's appointment to the Supreme Court. She is an activist, not a constitutionalist.

Repeatedly, she has reduced sentences for convicted child sex torturers and pornographers. One example, for an individual who deserved 10 years, she gave only 3 months of a sentence.

She was in favor of an extended buffer zone around abortion clinics in Massachusetts, which is a blatant attempt to limit the free speech rights of peaceful protesters who stand for life.

In her confirmation hearings, she would not even define the word "woman," which is an indication of potential future attacks on religious liberties, among other things.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson would ensure a radical leftwing agenda on the Supreme Court for decades to come.

America deserves better. America deserves a constitutional Justice on the Supreme Court.

I urge my Senators from Georgia and other Senators to vote "no" on her confirmation.

MARIJUANA OPPORTUNITY REINVESTMENT AND EXPUNGEMENT ACT

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1017, I call up the bill (H.R. 3617) to decriminalize and deschedule cannabis, to provide for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted by the War on Drugs, to provide for expungement of certain cannabis offenses, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1017, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-37, modified by the amendment printed in part A of House Report 117-285, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows: